THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION No.27711 of 2005

Date: 3-4-2006

Between:

Sri N.C.H.Venugopala Charyulu … Petitioner

v.

1. The Deputy Commissioner,

Endowments Dept, Hyderabad and another … Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

Heard Sri J.Ashwani Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Ravi Kondaveeti, learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of the 2nd respondent and the learned G.P. for Endowments and at their request the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission.

By proceedings dated 8.11.2002, the Executive Officer was permitted to extend new pay scales to Archakas, including the petitioner, as per G.O.Ms.No.261 dated 20.5.2002 with effect from 1.4.2002. The grievance of the petitioner, in this writ petition, is that while he was paid the new pay scales from 1.12.2002, the arrears from 1.4.2002 to 30.11.2002 have not been paid to him.

While Sri J.Ashvani Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner, would highlight the plight of the petitioner, Sri Ravi Kondaveeti, learned standing counsel, would submit that the temple is facing an acute financial crunch and as such is not in a position to immediately pay the arrears due to the petitioner. The fact that arrears from 1.4.2002 to 30.11.2002 are payable to the petitioner is not in dispute. The only question is with regards the period within which the said amount can be paid. On a query from this Court, Sri Ravi Kondaveeti, learned standing counsel, would submit that a period of at least four months would be required to pay the arrears due to the petitioner. This submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner merits acceptance. There shall, therefore, be a direction to the 2nd respondent to pay the new scales to the petitioner for the period from 1.4.2002 to 30.11.2002 within a period of four months from the date

of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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